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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS SOUTH AFRICA

1. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONTINUING ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS WITH SA WE HAVE SELECTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION ON A REVISED U.S. REQUEST LIST FOR COMPENSATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSYS EVALUATION OF THE ITEMS IN TERMS OF TRADE POTENTIAL.

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2. FIRST ITEM IS CCCN (FORMERLY BTN) 01.02 LIVE ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES. EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT IMPORTS OF BREEDING CATTLE COVERED BY THIS ITEM ARE EMBARGOED AND DUTY CONCESSIONS WOULD BE WORTHWHILE ONLY IF IMPORT PERMITS MADE AVAILABLE. WE AGREE, AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT ENVISIONS SIGNIFICANT SALES POTENTIAL IF

LICENSES MADE AVAILABLE. PRECONDITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ITEM AS COMPENSATION WOULD BE SOUTH AFRICA'S PLACING OF SUCH IMPORTS UNDER OPEN GENERAL LICENSE (I.E. UNDER PARA 1 OF IMPORT CONTROL PROGRAM) AND ELIMINATION OF REVENUE IMPORT DUTY. WHAT IS EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF 1) TRADE POTENTIAL UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS AND 2) LIKELIHOOD SA WOULD AGREE TO FREE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE?

3. OTHER ITEMS, SELECTED ON BASIS SOUTH AFRICA IMPORT STATISTICS ARE 29.01.70 STYRENE; 29.02.80 CLORDANE; 29.04.10 METHYL ALCOHOL; 84.51.80 CHECK WRITING MACHINES; 84.59.60 PORTABLE GREASING APPLIANCES; 84.63.30 ENGINES PARTS; AND 84.63.35 LOCOMOTIVE PARTS. WE DO NOT HAVE DETAILED SA IMPORT STATISTICS FOR 1977 BUT RE 29.01.70 STYRENE (ABOVE) WE NOTE THAT 1977 U.S. EXPORT STATISTICS SHOW DECLINE IN EXPORTS OF STYRENE TO SA IN 1977 TO 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS AND EXPORTS OF ONLY .4 MILLION DOLLARS IN FIRST 5 MONTHS OF 1978. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK DETERMINE IF 1977-78 DECLINE IN U.S. STYRENE EXPORTS TO SA DUE TO NORMAL FLUCTUATION IN DEMAND, INCREASED SA PRODUCTION OR IF IMPORTS FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY (JAPAN) ARE MAKING SIGNIFICANT INROADS IN U.S. EXPORTS OF THIS ITEM.

4. SOUTH AFRICAN PRODUCTION LEVELS AND CAPABILITIES FOR PRODUCTIONS OF STYRENE AND METHYL ALCOHOL WOULD BE USEFUL IF INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE TO AMEMBASSY.
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5. WASHINGTON WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS AND SUPPORTING DATA FROM AMEMBASSY. VANCE

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